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Cringleford Parish Council has monthly meetings (except in August).

The Planning and Environment Committee is held on the first Wednesday and Full Council on the second Wednesday of each month. Parishioners are welcome to join these meetings (details on website).

There are also additional groups that provide advice to Council — the Recreation and Amenities Advisory Group and the Finance Advisory Group.

Contact us: clerk@cringlefordpc.org.uk or 01603 250198

The Parish Matters

Budget setting. The Parish Council at its January meeting agreed to submit a budget to South Norfolk Council including a 2.8% increase for 2025-6. This translates as an increase of 10p per week on a Band D rated property.

Update on developments

Newfound. Barratt David Wilson Homes have informed us that they submitted their application for 406 homes on the southern parcel of Cringleford Heights. Details can be found on the South Norfolk planning website under planning application [2024/3836](#) Land West of Colney Lane, Cringleford Norfolk. The current plan is an update on the one shown in the Summer issue of the newsletter.

Want a lift, anyone?

The Norwich Research Park (NRP) is starting a new travel initiative that we thought may be of interest to our readers who work on the campus. “This

January, NRP launches a Liftshare scheme to help staff share car travel to work. When travel by car is the only option, why not travel together and save money too while reducing car emissions and local traffic. Details on how to get involved and



frequently asked questions are available at the travel section of the NRP website, and you can download the easy-to-use phone app to get started [here](#) . All you need is an institution email to sign up. Further details can be found at www.norwichresearchpark.com/liftshare”.

Darren Huckerby opens The Jubilee Centre (TJC)

On November 29th Darren Huckerby, former Norwich City FC player and star of Norwich Veterans, cut the ribbon to officially open our new £3M community centre on St Giles Park. More than 50 guests, including the builders, architects, Big Sky, members of local clubs, residents, councillors and officers from South Norfolk Council (who supported the build through their Co-investment Grant Fund), attended the opening to enjoy drinks and cakes laid on by the Parish Council. Pictures from the day follow on pages 4-5.

TJC is an energy-efficient building with a sizeable sports hall. If you want to play badminton, volleyball, five-a-side football, or pickleball then do book a session. It's even large enough for junior or practice netball. Not only that but because it has a lovely sprung floor it's also great for dancing. So, whatever you fancy, book a session. Next door are great changing rooms where you can shower afterwards. While you play, charge up your EV using one of our fast or rapid charging points. Charging is on special offer at the moment—see inset.

Bookings are going well especially in the evenings, so get in early and book now. To book, please email bookings@cringlefordpc.org.uk; our charges are shown on page 6.

Following page: images from TJC opening day, anticlockwise from top left – The Jubilee Centre signage designed by a local designer and St Giles resident, Erin Staz; solar panels atop the roof; fizz on the terrace before the opening; a view north from the roof; Darren Huckerby cutting the ribbon to open the new building flanked by the Chairman, Trevor Wang, and Vice-Chair, Simon Chapman; view of the nursery end of the building; more green features - left, service room with heat pump, right, EV charging points; view of building from the south.



Special Offer!

We are continuing our 30p/kW offer on TJC's EV chargers for another 3 months until April 30th. Enjoy cheap EV motoring until then.

We now have 2x22kW charging points at The Willow Centre. These are operated by Norfolk County Council but are also on the ElectRoad App.





Previous page: images from the TJC opening day, anticlockwise from top left— more than 50 guests attended the opening event in the sports hall; several guests making use of the badminton court; view of kitchen and serving area opening out onto the hall; fizz and delicious cakes were enjoyed by all; Darren Huckerby being interviewed by a journalist from Just Eaton and Cringleford magazine; Darren taking time out for a selfie with our clerk and to work off the calories potting a net or two!

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Alongside the hall at the Southern Bypass end of the building is Crackerjacks Nursery with places for 30 local children from our growing community. The nursery opened for pupils in October. The Centre will have four adjacent football pitches that will open later this year and can be used by junior teams. Our (very reasonable) hire fees are inset.

Hire charge for The Jubilee Centre

Badminton (per court per hour)

Peak £10.00

Regular / resident £8.00

Off peak* £7.00

Whole Hall hire (volleyball, 5 a side football, netball per hour)

Peak £25.00

Regular / resident £16.00

Off peak* £14.00

Kitchen hire

£15.00 per session

*Off-peak times 12:00-3:00pm, 8:00-11:00pm

The results are back—responses to our survey

We would like to thank all our residents who returned their completed Neighbourhood Plan survey. The number of responses (124) was considered a good response for such surveys. We were also very pleased that two residents volunteered to join our Steering Group and help draw up the revised plan. As part of the process of renewing our plan we are sharing the results of the survey with everyone. Details of the responses can be found on our website (cringlefordpc.org.uk/neighbourhood-development-plan/). Most of the respondents to the demographic questions (98%) described themselves as residents of Cringleford; the remainder of respondents work here and 59% are aged 50 or over.

The three top priorities for people rated as important were:

- Preservation of green spaces in Cringleford (95%);
- Improved infrastructure to encourage safe walking, cycling and use of public transport (94%);
- Development that is environmentally sustainable (88%).

A fifth of households who responded have a member who wants to move in the next five years but stay in Cringleford (for the purpose of wanting to live alone or to downsize). Bungalows came out tops for the property most desired for the people who want to move.

Concerning new housing, factors considered the most important were mainly environmental (green boundaries, porous surfaces, supporting wildlife), with the use of building materials to match nearby buildings and those that are characteristic of the area also scoring significantly.

We received lots of suggestions for improving walking and cycling with access to the bus interchange featuring in several. Residents wanted safer routes for getting around Cringleford and more road crossings.

Residents wanted to see our green spaces preserved and protected from future development. The three top environmental features to be included in any future developments were native trees shrubs and hedgerows, additional green open spaces, and wildflowers for pollinators. Respondents also noted many key views that they felt were special, although several of those mentioned were not actually in Cringleford but adjacent parishes!

Of the ten options provided for spending future community infrastructure funds, respondents listed three as top priorities – improvements to road safety, improvements for wildlife, and new or improved footpaths.

We have already constructed an Evidence Base that analyses, among other information, 2021 census data to support our Plan. This is a live document which will be added to as we progress with the Plan. The next steps for the Steering Group will be engaging with our partners to draw up a Design Code including a Character Appraisal for Cringleford.

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Roadworks Info: one. Network

Report a problem: www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem

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Cringleford Parish Council facilities available for hire



The Jubilee Centre sports hall is available to hire for sport and exercise groups, with nets and markings for badminton, pickleball,



volleyball and 5-a-side football.



The Willow Centre, a multi-purpose space with numerous rooms,



perfect for parties, meetings, exercise classes and children's groups.

The Pavilion, a flexible space used by the football club, the tennis club and the cricket club, as well as residents running classes and having private parties.



For all booking enquiries please email

bookings@cringlefordpc.org.uk, or ring the following numbers for further information: 01603 457222 (The Willow Centre), 01603 515644 (The Jubilee Centre & The Pavilion). Hire prices and further information can be found on the Parish Council's website at www.cringlefordpc.org.uk.